

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## ADVANTAGES OF THE INDWELLING COMFORTER

The Christian Religion is Not Complete  
Without The Baptism.

### OPEN YOUR EYES AND GET THE EXPERIENCE

Jesus said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." (John 16:7.)

This promise refers to the incoming of the Holy Ghost as an abiding guest in the heart of the believer. It was given by Jesus to the disciples, and through them to all believers of all time. It does not refer to the preliminary work of the Spirit in conviction and conversion; it refers to the permanency of the indwelling Spirit in the heart of the perfect believer. A great mistake is often made by people of less advanced Christian experience in compounding the witness of the Spirit in conversion, or sanctification with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The witness of the Spirit had already occurred in the hearts of these disciples. Jesus was acting in the office of the Witness when He said to His disciples, "Your names are written in heaven;" but this promise refers to what was to succeed the work of Christ.

We know that the Holy Ghost was in the world from the beginning. He moved upon the face of the waters (Gen. 1:2.) and adorned the heavens. The Holy Ghost was striving with the hearts of the antediluvians. (Gen. 6:3.) The Holy Ghost changed the hearts and inspired the faith of saints in past generations; yet all this was done before He made His personal advent in the world. Jesus was in the world before He made His advent. He talked with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden; appeared in the flesh to Abraham; He walked with Ezekiel on the banks of Chebar, and with the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace. All this personal manifestation was before His advent into the world. So Jesus and the Holy Ghost were both working in all past generations; and yet in the fullness of time Jesus made His personal advent, and after His glorification the Holy Ghost made His personal advent into the world.

Today there are thousands who have believed on Jesus and received the initial work of the Holy Ghost, who have been translated from the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of Christ, yet they are as ignorant of the gift of the Holy Ghost as the Ephesians were when Paul first visited them. (Acts 19:1-7.) Jesus represents this incoming work of the Third Person of the Godhead as the crowning work of the kingdom of God, and he teaches us that there are advantages that cannot be secured by the visible presence of Jesus Himself.

But what could be better than the bodily presence of Jesus? But no matter about this, Jesus said that it was expedient for Him to go away because the Comforter would not come as long as He was here.

It is the office of the Spirit to take the words of Jesus and reveal them unto us. (Jas. 1:14, 15.) The Holy Ghost does not

add anything either to the Bible or to the soul. He is not the creator of facts. All things in heaven and in earth were created by Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is to take what has been made and reveal or make plain. When the telescope shows distinct worlds in the heavens, it does not add new worlds; it only draws back the veil, and shows what God has created. So the Holy Ghost does not create a new power in the soul, but removes the film; purges and glorifies what is already in the soul. He does not add a new verse to the revealed will of God, but takes the Word of God already existing, gives a clearness and distinctness to what had been previously existing through the ages. We are not to look to the Holy Ghost to make a revelation not in harmony with the Word. To suppose that the Holy Ghost will give us a new truth is to suppose that He will break the Word of God. God has said he that addeth to or taketh from His Word shall suffer for it. (Rev. 22:18, 19.) and the Holy Ghost will not take from nor add to. The men at Pentecost had nothing added to the Word nor taken from it, but they had a better understanding of the Old Testament Scriptures than ever before, though they had been with incarnate deity. We see Peter teaching from the Old Testament as never before.

There is in the human soul a native darkness that no amount of learning can dispel, though we walk with Solomon or talk with the bodily Savior. Conversion and sanctification cannot fully remove it; conversation with the Lord Jesus for three years did not remove it from the disciples. All things combined are inadequate to remove the native blindness of the soul without the Holy Ghost. And hence the Christian religion is not complete without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was not complete in the days of the apostles without it, neither is it complete now any more than it was then.

There are many people today, though they are professedly orthodox, who themselves are heterodox. They claim to be in harmony with the Church of God and her teachings, but later there will be found outcroppings of some heresy. Some unconsciously lean towards Unitarianism; some towards Universalism; some towards Spiritualism; some towards soul-sleeping; some towards the annihilation of the wicked; some towards one thing, and some another. These are in their hearts in spite of their wills; they are native there. Only by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and a close following of His leadings after He comes in are they removed. As the chaff is burned in the furnace of fire, so the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the only consumer of darkness, and following His guidance is the only safeguard, according to Christ's own words.

It is not the will of God that His saints are to walk in darkness, or error to any degree spiritually, and He has furnished a prevention to secure His people in all ages; and if any one walks in error it is because he does not follow the teachings and leadings of the Holy Ghost. The indwelling Spirit secures a

higher degree of certainty than we could have with the visible Jesus without the Spirit. Jesus made this plain when he said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. \* \* \* And when he \* \* \* is come, he will guide you into all truth. \* \* \* He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." (John 16:7-14.) These words of Jesus alone are enough to show that there are advantages of the indwelling Comforter.

We are counseled by the Scriptures not only to understand, but to KNOW. Understanding is through the mind, but knowledge is through the consciousness. It is not the intent of the Bible that we should rest on a "perhaps" or a "guess so." Take the concordance, and you will be astonished to see how often the words "know" and "knowledge" are used in the Bible, and what we may KNOW by the Holy Ghost. "They shall know my name;" "know my voice;" "I will make you to know my way;" "We know we have passed from death unto life;" "I know whom I have believed;" "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands." There is a vast range of truth that is so adapted to your consciousness, that you may KNOW it as certainly as an archangel.

There are facts in relation to the divine government, etc., that you may not know; but these facts that lie between you and God,—the moral facts between you and your fellow creatures, you can know with absolute certainty. When the Holy Ghost comes to abide in your heart, He takes possession of your spiritual nature, and manifests Himself in your physical being, but we must remember there are three kinds of knowledge. We have a body of bones, muscles, nerves; there is sensibility. We know material facts through the sensibilities. Behind that we have a mind; through that we have knowledge of time, cause and effect, recollection, imagination, and deduction; that is mental knowledge, and is in many cases more certain than the other. You may be more certain that two and two are four, than of the temperature of your body. Higher than that is the spirit, often called the heart in the Bible. In your spirit, in your heart, far beyond all physical knowledge, far beyond all mental knowledge, you know by spiritual intuition. You know you are one and not two. In the heart you know without reasoning and without sensation. You are conscious of spiritual facts and states without education, whether you have done much thinking or not. The spirit (heart) gets its knowledge by intuition, not by reasoning powers. The witness of the Spirit is not to your reasoning faculties. A religion that has to be reasoned out has not yet got into the central heart. In the old tabernacle there was the outside court for the sacrifices, hemmed in by a curtain, but was open to the sunshine and rain. That represents your physical nature, which is at the play of nature's forces. In beyond the first veil was the sanctuary, with the table of shew-

bread and the golden candlesticks, where the lamps were kept burning night and day. That lamp represented the mind, the laws of human instruction, mental beliefs and reasoning.

But beyond the second veil was the holy of holies. Nothing was allowed there, so far as light was concerned, but the blazing light of the Divine Shekinah. A thick curtain of badger skins kept out the sunlight and lamp-light; and if God did not shine there, there was nothing but total darkness. Now, your spirit is reached by the Holy Spirit. The powers of the mind can never illuminate your heart; unless God shines in your spirit, it remains in total darkness. So when the Holy Ghost makes His advent He penetrates through the body, and so affects it as He comes that you always talk in tongues, and sometimes there are other operations, besides through the mind, and enthrones Jesus in the heart, and there from your spirit He shines out through your mind and through your body. In course of time your very face will wear a heavenly smile; but if your face wears a heavenly smile it is because of the blazing Shekinah in your spirit. The knowledge you have in your spirit far exceeds your knowledge of physical or mental things.

Men put physical knowledge as the most certain, mental knowledge less certain, and religious knowledge least certain, but they are wrong. Our eyes, our ears, our sense of touch all deceive us. Mental knowledge is a little more certain. A man knows that there are three angles in a triangle. But spiritual and religious knowledge is most certain of all. We know we are the children of God. We know we are sanctified. We know we are baptized with the Holy Ghost, and, as stated above, with the incoming of the Holy Ghost there is always the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. What we know in religious experience we know as truly as Gabriel. I say in the presence of the Bible, and in the face of all opposition that spiritual and religious knowledge is too evident to be doubted. Open your eyes and get the experience if you have not already, and you will acknowledge that I am right in my position.

The indwelling Holy Ghost insures a higher degree of security than we could otherwise have, though walking with the visible Jesus. It is the will of God that we be not only certain, but SECURE in religious things. We are living in a state of probation. It does not end until we die or Christ calls us up in the rapture. If we were free from danger we would not be probationers. The idea of trial involves danger. Salvation is to take us through this world of dangers and make us as secure as possible. Take the word of God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost, and you are furnished with provisions for the highest security that is suitable to probation. There are liabilities and possibilities of falling, or it would be no probation; but God wants to make this life as secure for us as possible. In the indwelling of the Holy Ghost the dangers of life are reduced to their minimum, and the securities of life are raised to their maximum. We are to be tried and tested, but God has provided for us to have insurance—the power of the blessed Holy Ghost always within.

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## VICTORY! AN ABIDING STATE, NOT

A Temporary Blessing or Passing Thrill—The Whole Armor of God Necessary.

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

Victory! What a wonderful word it is. How the allied nations strive and long for the day to come when they can truly say they have gained the victory over the Central Powers. The word itself implies conflict because there can be no victory without a battle or struggle of some kind.

We have heard people in testimony meeting say, "I thank God I have the victory"—a brief testimony, but how much it means. What conflicts and struggles and temptations have passed in that life, but over them all and out of them all the soul looks up to God and tho scarred with battle marks yet can say, "I have the victory!"

"On to victory," is a mighty slogan that each one should take up. We may have had victory in the past, but we have not yet laid the armor down and we should not as long as this life lasts, for the great enemy will be against us as long as we live here below.

We have been told that one of the dangerous times for a Christian is after he has won a great victory. The enemy then tries to make such a soul take his ease, remove his armor and thus render himself an easy prey.

In every place, at all times, we should have on the whole armor of God. Only thus can we be assured of constant victory. This life is one of warfare day by day, not only to the preacher, but to each member of the body of Christ. The mother in her home, at her work, with the children, among her neighbors, the father in the field, store, shop, mill, factory and at home—both are being tried wherever situated.

Sometimes people think if they occupied the positions of some of their friends or neighbors how much better they could live, how victorious their lives. What a set of complaining and dissatisfied folks this old world holds anyway! But God is patient and long suffering.

So many believe that if they could move somewhere else in a city where there is no Church of God, they could start one that would have no divisions or trouble of any kind, then they would have victory.

Some can't find God at the altar of their home church, but if they could go to some other city they could seek God much easier and get the victory.

Some think if they were off to themselves they could have victory. Some think if they were in a "big meeting" they could conquer. But I have known of those who, left to themselves, backslid, and there are some who actually backslide in the "big meeting." So the enemy has folks on the run, restless and dissatisfied.

Some can't have the victory if the church is not filled up, they can't sing, preach or pray much; others can't have freedom if the house is full of people. The devil can keep you from having the victory over many things if you let him—give way to "feelings." Neglect prayer and God's Word, let the love of the world creep in a little and you won't have the victory long.

O there are a hundred and one things that the enemy may do to keep you from being an overcomer, but God is able to take you through if you resist the

devil, for he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.

The very thought of victory should thrill our soul and cause us to put forth the greatest exertion and endure much privation. Garibaldi, the great Italian patriot, gave this answer to those who wanted to know what inducements he offered his soldiers, "Poverty, ostracism, sickness, battles, wounds, and—VICTORY!" Thus he fired the hearts of men and they won.

Have you the victory? Let us note a few examples. Suppose you are a preacher and you know of another having better meetings than yourself, tho he is not talented as you, nor has he the ability and education, but you thank God for his success. Or when the general overseer puts a younger man ahead of you on the program, on a committee, or as a state overseer, and you rejoice—you have the victory! When people say you have made a failure as pastor, or overseer, or in holding a meeting and still you love them as good as ever—that is victory.

When people always talk about what a wonderful pastor they had before you came and how prosperous the work was then, you feel good deep in your soul—victory again. When a preacher who hasn't borne the heat and burden of the day like yourself gets a better financial support than you do and you keep sweet—that's victory. When some of the leading church members begin to go around among each other and say slighting remarks about you and you don't throw rocks at them from the pulpit but preach the truth in love—you have victory. Now of course if a preacher is lazy or a slacker he may need something to "stir" him up, but we were not referring to such in the above.

But to proceed, if your soul is happy when others have autos, fine, comfortable homes, and talents that bring forth favorable comments while you have none of these things you are on the victory line even if you have to "foot" it.

Suppose you can shout when the soles are worn off of your shoes, when the children can't dress as good as others and the table is not loaded with rich food like your neighbor's—that's another form of victory.

If the clothes line breaks when full of clean wet clothes and you praise God anyway, or suppose the faithful preacher reproves you about the way you let your children run wild in the meeting house or outside, and you still keep on paying tithes and love and pray for him—you have the victory and can testify good.

It is a wonderful thing to have victory all the time. An abiding state, not a temporary blessing, passing thrill or exultation. Glory to Jesus! VICTORY when others are "blue," VICTORY when others are "down in the mouth," VICTORY all the time! Why not? Doesn't it say that He is always the same? With Him is no variableness neither shadow of turning. VICTORY at home, in the field, in the shop, in the mill, in the factory, in the store, in the school, in the church, on the road, in the morning when you first awake, at

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We were very kindly remembered quite recently by V. A. Bishop, of Neptune, Tenn., with a nice package of beans. Very many thanks, and may the Lord reward you, brother.

There will have to be something doing now in the next two weeks or we will not succeed in putting the subscriptions over the ten thousand mark by the Assembly. But I am sure there will be some busy workers to that end.

Remember the two dollars for the Assembly building. Those that cannot come should send their amount. Some have sent their amount already.

Please notice the advance prices of A. E. Winsett's song books. This should be observed when ordering.

Sunday, Oct. 13 is home mission Sunday. This is the last one before the Assembly. Let us roll up a good collection for the last one.

Word has just reached us that the wife of Sam. C. Perry is very low. They certainly need our sympathy and prayers in this time of trial.

Sickness is prevailing in many places so the schools are closed, and the churches do not have their services. This is indeed a time of sorrow. The saints of God should strive to draw very close to God, so they may be in His perfect will.

Many are preparing to attend the Assembly. Hope all will pray earnestly for God to be with us and give great wisdom, love and unity in all deliberations.

The Church of God is moving upward and onward. Thanks to the mighty God that always takes care of His own. There are many battles to fight, but this gives opportunity for great victories, and they are being won.

## Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am glad to be a living witness to God's saving and sanctifying and healing power. When we exercise faith in Him He will heal us.

On September 24, I threw my ankle out of place and could not walk. I called in the saints and they prayed for me and I was completely healed. I jumped and danced all over the room and my ankle has not hurt me a bit since. I give God all the praise for it as there was not a

thing put on it except the saints anointed it with oil.

I praise the Lord for a heart-felt and soul-thrilling religion that I can feel bubbling up in my soul all the time. I am not a bit ashamed for the world to know that I am filled with the Holy Ghost.

I desire the prayers of every saint that God may have His precious way in my life, that I may let my light shine that others may be brought to Christ. Your sister in Christ, Ora Evans.

## U. S. S. Wilmington, Asiatic Fleet.

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Praise the Lord Jesus! I am glad to get an Evangel. The many testimonies are a great blessing to me and I am sure others will say the same.

I am glad to report victory through the precious blood of Jesus.

Though I am not a member of your church I have a love for the saints that are living a real true life for Him.

Sister Rushin has been giving me the paper frequently. She is planning to return to China the middle or latter part of this month. Her going will be a loss to this city but a gain to China. I thank God for the privilege of meeting such saints. We have had many good times praying and testifying for the glory of God. Praise the Lord!

All of the brethren have gone, but thank God, the Lord is nearer to me than when I first met them. Hallelujah to Jesus!

I am a sailor on board a ship in the Asiatic waters. On board ship there are many temptations but He who has promised to keep us in the hour of temptation is still proving that His grace is sufficient.

There are no other Christians here with whom I can converse about the things of God. The fellows laugh and scoff, but that is the way the world treated our Savior and He said we should be hated, so I rejoice and thank God that I am counted worthy to suffer for Him. Hallelujah!

I can still read His precious Word and lift my heart to Him in prayer, yet they make fun of me. The Lord has given me grace to kneel in their sight and not get up when they come near me. I am not complaining, I am rejoicing that God takes us through without murmuring. I say this, not to get your sympathy but that others who have a hard place to stand, may see that God's grace is sufficient. I am not ashamed of my Lord. Praise His name!

I know it is not by my strength that I am standing but it is the grace of God that keeps me. Hallelujah! I am unable to do much but the little I can do, I want it to be done for the glory of God. I love Him with all my heart; He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. He is the Bright and Morning Star and altogether lovely. Hallelujah to Jesus!

I love to meditate on His precious words—"meditate day and night." Praise the Lord Jesus! I love to go on deck at night when the moon and stars are looking down upon the earth, and look upon the handiwork of God. By faith I see the day when we shall not need those planets to give us light, for God is light. Bless His holy name! I expect to be at His right hand in that day. Praise the Lord! I have counted the cost. It pays better in this life and there is everlasting life hereafter. Hallelujah!

Salvation is something that cannot be smothered and live. If we have salvation those with whom we come in contact will know about it. When I first came into the navy I felt like Jeremiah did, (Jer. 20:9) I thought I would not make mention of salvation, but even as he, I found that it could not remain

inside without burning through. I am glad that it is so. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! The fact has never been told.

I ask the prayers of the saints that I may be baptized with the Holy Ghost in real Pentecostal power. I am weak, pray that I may be drawn closer to Him who is strong.

Yours in His service, Clarence Orr.

## ADVANTAGES OF THE INDWELLING COMFORTER (Continued from page 1)

are the dangers that beset the believer! Those that appeal to the five senses, those that appeal to the mind. The outward attractions—they are one class. Another class lurks within.

There may be an unsoundness at the center, an inward tendency for unholy things. Those dangers that are within a man are greater than those without. It is the work of the Holy Ghost to destroy the love of sin, and thereby open a fountain within of things good and heavenly; so that by purifying the fountain He makes the stream pure. When the Holy Ghost takes possession of the will the rebellion is gone, and the will reposes on the bosom of God. If the Holy Ghost keeps the heart, which He will if permitted to do so, the dangers are all on the outside. These may be many, but a close observance of the teaching of Jesus illuminated and applied by the Holy Ghost will always bring the humble child of God through the severest storms of life unhurt and really brightened by the experience.

The advantages of the indwelling Comforter are innumerable, and the Christian religion is not complete without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, therefore those who have not yet received this wonderful experience should open your eyes and get the experience, and thus prepare yourselves for a victorious life.

Someone has said, "I would rather walk here with the Holy Ghost in my soul, than with Moses yonder with the pillar of fire over his head, or with uncovered feet at the burning bush. I would rather walk here with the Holy Ghost in my heart, than to tread with apostles the shores of Galilee."

The Father in His dispensation gave the law. Jesus gave Himself, His virtue and sacrifice. He sent the Holy Ghost who applies the blood to sanctify believers and to abide in the life that has thus been cleansed. The Holy Ghost in His dispensation applies the law, appropriates and applies the benefits derived from the death of Jesus to the believers, and preserves us until His coming again. Then on through the wonderful and glorious years of eternity, with the Holy Ghost within and the blazing, flaming, glorious body of Jesus without, we shall see Him as He is, and live with Him forever and ever. Hallelujah!

Words fail to describe all the advantages of the indwelling Comforter, and our understanding may be somewhat beclouded, but we know that the Christian religion is not complete without the real living, walking, talking Holy Ghost abiding within.

To those who have not yet received Him I will repeat, Open your eyes and get the experience, and you will never regret the cost you may have to pay in the way of sacrifice and consecration.

Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul and for the good meeting we had the fifth Saturday and Sunday in September. Brother Letsinger, our district overseer, was with us and we appreciated his presence very much. He preached a wonder

ful sermon Saturday night on the subject of faith.

On Sunday we observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. Sister R. M. Bales and other saints from Jefferson City were with us, also saints from Morristown and other places. We had a glorious time and great victory. The presence and power of the Lord was with us. The saints shouted and danced and talked in tongues. I'm sure much good was accomplished. Large crowds attended; the house was full and many in the yard. The people were attentive and great conviction seemed to be upon them.

On Sunday night Brother Letsinger preached on the coming of the Lord, connecting the Scriptures so nicely and making it so plain. How I praise God for a young man like him that God is using. Go on, brother, in the good work, we bid you God speed.

I request the prayers of the Lord's saints everywhere.

Your brother in Christ, J. J. Whitehead.

## The Branford Camp Meeting.

Our camp meeting has come and gone, but thank God, we still have the fruit remaining.

Brother J. W. Pitcher was with us according to promise and on time. At first it looked like the devil would defeat us in sending in help; those who consented to help with the music failed to arrive, but in the meantime the Lord sent Sister Gillett and Brother Ellis who helped until Sister Mary Haddock came and took charge. The Lord certainly did bless.

As the people came in from far and near God helped Brother Pitcher to uncover sin and hypocrisy and show up the devil in all his meanness. From night to night the altar was filled with men and women crying to the Lord for deliverance.

We were not able to count the number saved and sanctified as they came and went, but eight were baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. Thank God! Eighteen were baptized in water, among the number a Pentecostal preacher. Eighteen were added to the Church of God.

On the last night Brother Pitcher gave a talk on the "Body and blood of the Lord" and what it means to us if taken as God intended it should be. The Lord healed some sick folks as we took the Lord's supper and then washed the saints' feet. The service closed with God's blessing upon us.

Brother Pitcher left Monday for Ft. Myers where he will help Brother I. H. Marks until the date of the Wimauma camp meeting. May God continue to bless him in his great work.

Yours in Jesus, J. M. Bradley.

## Notice.

Any of the Churches of God desiring a Spirit-baptized person to teach a music school, instrumental or vocal, apply to C. A. Churchill, Sapa, Miss., for terms and dates. Good references can be given.

## Notice

The district meeting of Kanawha county W. Va., will be held October 12, 1918. The churches that are to be represented are as follows: Shrewsbury, Ward, Cedar Grove, East Bank, Hughston.

The clerk from every church is expected to be present. We desire the presence of all the pastors and deacons. Everybody is invited. Come praying that we shall have a good meeting.

G. W. Wriston, District Overseer.

## Eastman, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of

praise to the precious name of Jesus for His goodness and mercy to me. Praise His sweet name! Oh, glory! His sunlight is flooding my soul today.

I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Praise His name!

I thank God for Brother and Sister Andrew Smith who are my nearest neighbors. I feel that if it had not been for them I would have still been groping my way in darkness to an extent.

I was converted sixteen years ago, but I remained outside of any church until about eleven years ago. Then I joined the Missionary Baptist Church and tried to live as near right as I knew how.

I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost September 23, 1918. Hallelujah! I have sweet peace in my soul today.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.

Your sister, Donie Smith.

## Sylacauga, Ala.

Dear Evangel:

The manifestations of the Spirit were beautiful in Sylacauga during services held on Saturday night and all day Sunday in which Brother G. W. Williams and the writer witnessed to Pentecost.

About six persons testified to having had great deliverance in healing when the prayer of faith was sent up for them.

Sister Josie Burden gave out messages, sang and danced under the power in a wonderful way and truly all were convinced that it was God revealing Himself before the people.

The burden of every message seemed to be "Jesus is coming." And as Sister Burden delivered it—"The curtains are rolled back, I come, I come."

The undivided attention given by the crowds that thronged the little services stand as a testimony for that city.

We are made to hunger and thirst after the great wisdom and righteousness that comes to the trusting heart by giving all. Praise ye our God forever!

W. E. Halle.

## Pell City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Household of Faith—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus: I believe it would be to the glory of God to acknowledge through the Evangel a little at least of the great goodness and love of our dear Savior.

We prayed earnestly last year for a meeting. The Lord heard and sent dear Brother and Sister Chambers here with a tent. God bless them both now and evermore! Brother James Sharp and other saints came from Mentone, Ala. Sister Mary Howell was also here a few days. We had a good meeting with victory. Brother J. B. Ellis came and set the church in order with ten members. One received the Holy Ghost.

One has gone to France, two have moved away, so you see our numbers are few, but, thank God, He still abides with us to own and bless His little ones.

We have been waiting all summer for a promised tent meeting. Seeing that the tent season would soon close (and we have no church building) we began praying earnestly, meeting each night for two weeks, that God would move on somebody's heart to come to Pell City. Praise God, He answered prayer and sent Brother Z. D. Simpson and wife, and while their stay was short (due to above mentioned inconveniences for service) the dear Lord blessed in every service. The saints were all helped and blessed and strengthened in the faith of Jesus Christ and His church. Two were added to the Church of God.

We request that each saint

pray for this place. God has blessed and is still blessing, but we are not satisfied yet, for we believe God is going to do a great work in Pell City yet. We know God sent us here. We feel the burden and responsibility of being here as a representative of the Church of God. There are many apparent hindrances but praise God,

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Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course and He be glorified even in Pell City.

Yours for Jesus, Mrs. Lillian Kinsey.

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## Birchwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints—Greetings:

I am so glad that I am on the Lord's side. I am still praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

I am so glad I have the victory and am on my way to heaven. I desire to get closer to the Lord and do more for Him. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, Nola Dungan.

## Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

This leaves us still on the King's job, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence as at Acts 2:4. Praise His holy name!

I am doing very well with the Sunday school. I have one or two visitors every Sunday. Please pray that we may have success in this wicked place.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. F. L. James.

## Searles, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for a deep settled peace in my soul this morning. I am praising the Lord for a salvation that keeps at home. I am saved and sanctified wholly by the blood of Jesus and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Bless the Lord! The Comforter sweetly abides.

I desire a special prayer of the saints that my body may be healed. I am afflicted and am trusting the Lord to heal me. Pray that I shall ever be humble and true till He comes or calls.

Your sister, Lena Burroughs.



# Overcoming Evil With Good

PERRY W. HADSOCK.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans we find these words: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:21. This is indeed far reaching. Verses 19, 20 read thus: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." In these he explains how we can overcome and live a victorious life, overcome our enemy as well as our own fleshly lusts, etc.

We learn that Paul wrote most of his epistles while traveling, and this exhortation to the brethren at Rome was probably written during his third missionary journey through Galatia, Phrygia, Macedonia and the Grecian Islands.

Later, on a visit to Jerusalem, Paul was mobbed by the Jews, his own people. He was sent to Felix at Caesarea where he spent two years in prison. He was sent bound to Rome, suffering shipwreck on the journey. Here he spent two years in prison with a guard of soldiers, but he carried on his work of preaching, making converts among his guards and even in Caesar's household. Here we see a wonderful display of overcoming evil with good.

This great apostle to the Gentiles has won the admiration of all Christian ages because he was great enough to overcome the prejudice of his nation and sect and to be cursed in his own age as a renegade Jew. He understood how to overcome.

But from what source did he receive his power to overcome? It was beyond that of the natural man. It was through Christ the Lord. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. So it was through the power afforded by Jesus that he did all his wonderful acts as an apostle, suffering the many things, even death by his body.

Through all his sufferings nowhere do we find that he ever made an attempt to avenge himself; he always submitted to those in authority. He said that he bore the marks of the Lord Jesus in his body. (Gal. 6:17.) He continued his work wherever he went. While in prison he found plenty to do. He knew that God was not a respecter of persons and that those poor soldiers needed Jesus as others did. Because he was put in prison he did not sit down and say, "Well, I am cut off from working for Jesus." No, no, he was far from being overcome by that. But what did he do? He overcame by preaching the good old gospel to those who were there and many converts were made. Even some of the governor's relatives learned of Jesus and His love. But if Paul had never been taken prisoner those poor souls would doubtless have never been saved. This dear apostle was subject to God's will, willing to suffer hardships in order to tell of Jesus and His love.

Truly overcoming was the secret of Paul's success, and the time is here when those who succeed in their Christian life will do so only by overcoming. It is no time to give down in the least, but we must take advantage of every opportunity, whether in prison, at the workshop, in government service, on the sea or at the front. Paul exhorts us to follow him as he followed Christ. We can overcome, but only through Jesus. Oh, praise our King Jesus!

How thoughtless so many are when they meet with some severe trial or test. They give vent to

some hard word or ill look, thereby hinder God's purpose in their trial; for trials are for our good when overcome. (James 1:12.)

There are invaluable promises to those who overcome. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Rev. 2:7. Not overcome once a week, but overcome continually.

There is a difference in tolerating a thing and having the complete victory over it. Though Paul suffered so many things he lived a victorious life, for he said he took pleasure in such. What a glorious experience! Power to love those who hate you, those who illtreat and persecute you; power to do good for evil; power to submit to God's will at all times and places; power to endure hardness as a good soldier; power to live in touch with our Captain that we may commune with Him—have you an experience like this?

It is good to testify on Sunday and shout and have a good time, but overcoming is the most prominent fruit of a sanctified life. None except those who live under the blood overcome.

John, the Revelator, saw a great company around the throne who were overcomers.

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands:

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulations, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Rev. 7:9-14.

Oh, what a glorious time! What a privilege to enjoy the presence of the King. Praise Him!

In this life we shall have to suffer many things, but we are marching at our King's command. Hear Him, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." St. John 16:33.

"And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

What a glorious experience! Jesus died that we might have it. It will take this experience to prepare us to meet Him when He comes to gather His own.

## Danville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are praising God for sending Brother F. W. Gammon and his good wife to Danville. He took a bold stand for Jesus and His Word. The devil did much howling and put up a hard fight against the Church of God but could not prevail because she was on the rock.

Brother Gammon gave out the Word rightly divided in the face

of the enemy and all his opposing powers. He had on the breastplate of righteousness and his feet were shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. He had the shield of faith, also, wherewith he was able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Large crowds of hungry souls flocked out to the tent and much good was accomplished. Some wept their way through to Calvary, some were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The last night of the meeting Brother Roy Scarce, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, an humble servant of God and filled with the Holy Spirit, threw open the doors to the Church of God and Brother Gammon delivered a wonderful message on 2 Tim. 4:2—"Preach the Word."

The Church was owned by Brother Scarce who gave it to the Church of God and he and Brother Calley, both Pentecostal Holiness preachers, came into the Church of God along with ten others. There are others to come in later. Now it is no longer a Pentecostal Holiness Church, but the Church of God. Glory to God!

Pray much for the little band here that they will follow on to know the Lord.

Your sister,  
Clara Mabe.

## Home Mission Receipts.

Church, Whitestone, Ga.,	\$ 1 00
" Rhine, Ga.,	4 50
" Parkersburg, W. Va.,	0 50
" Bryson City, N. C.	0 50
" Brookdell, Tenn.,	1 36
Mrs. O. M. Ellard, N. Birmingham, Ala.,	1 00
Church, Mt. Zion, Ala.,	1 00
Tent meeting, Olney, Ill.,	3 36
Church, Catchings, Miss.,	5 00

## Foreign Mission Receipts.

L. W. Westbrooks, Birmingham, Ala.,	\$ 2 00
Sunday School, Birmingham, Ala.,	0 50
Sunday School, Artesia, Miss.,	3 35
Church, Parrish, Fla.,	1 75
" Clarendon, Long Island, N. Y.,	1 25
Church, Pittsburg, Ga.,	0 50
" Valdosta, Ga.,	1 22
" Whitestone, Ga.,	2 05
" Milton, Ga.,	3 56
" Parkersburg, W. Va.,	0 50
" Sale Creek, Tenn.,	1 77
" Harriman, Tenn.,	4 16
" Sweetwater, Tenn.,	1 40
" Bryson City, N. C.	0 50
Mrs. O. M. Ellard, N. Birmingham, Ala.,	1 00
Church, Mt. Zion, Ala.,	3 10
" Catchings, Miss.,	5 00

## Point, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I am praising the Lord for a free and full salvation, one that can keep me free from sin. Praise His dear name!

The Lord has done so much for me. When I was sinking deep in sin He came along and lifted me up, saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and gave me the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise the Lord!

We have a nice little church here and nearly all the saints have the Holy Ghost. Brother Webb of Tennessee, is our pastor. We praise the Lord for him. He has accomplished a great deal of good.

I want all the saints to pray for my wife and myself that God will use us as instruments for Him. Wife received the Holy Ghost the night before I did. I promised the Lord the next day that if only He would fill me with the Holy Ghost as He did wife, I would do anything or go anywhere for Him. Thank God, He answered prayer.

Please pray for the work here at Clark's Chapel.

Your brother in Christ,  
Forrest W. Horton,

## An Open Letter.

SAM C. PERRY.

To All the Readers of the Evangel, and my Friends in gospel bounds, many of whom have been praying for me and mine, in this time of affliction—Greeting to All in the Name of Our Lord:

I thought good to write something of my present situation to the paper for the benefit of many of my friends to whom I am not able to write personally at the present time.

My wife has been failing in health for a year or more, but for all of this year she has been a great sufferer, at times.

Her trouble first came in the form of a small growth or tumor, and then became an awful ulcerous sore, later it opened up in another place, so that for some weeks now she has two, instead of one, but the first one seems to be much smaller than it was, the other seems to be improving too, but her whole system has become so weakened that it is difficult to rally, however we are holding on to God and she seems to be improving a little for which we praise Him. She has certainly been a great sufferer. We have prayed and looked to God as best we could. Many of our brethren and sisters have helped us, for which we are very grateful, but for some reason God has seen fit to leave us as we are.

Of course, at such a time as this we have searched our hearts and humbled ourselves to see the will of God, and to be in an attitude to do it at all costs. In such seasons of heart-searching and humiliation we have found great spiritual blessing, and feel great consolation from God in this trying time. We believe that if a man is on a shaky foundation such as this would shake him. We want to be able to see God's hand and submit to His working on every line. We want His will to be our highest purpose.

I have not been able to get away for meetings or services, except just occasionally nearby, for over two months, my wife's condition is so serious, but God has blessed us here.

We have been greatly blessed in prayer and the study of God's Word, and the letters full of love and sympathy from many good friends have greatly helped us too, how we do appreciate them at such a time as this. How I would like to see every one who has so kindly written us and encouraged us.

I would not forget those who have so kindly remembered that we needed money even if we were not on the field. Surely God will bless and reward them every one a hundred fold. God knows how to supply the needs of His children even if they are laid up for a while. Praise His name!

I brought my wife here to Marion, N. C., in the mountains in May, where my sister owns a large school building and has plenty of room, as she thought the change from the Florida sun would help her, and I have held one or two services a week with the blessing of the Lord, and a short time ago the people begun crowding into the building one night, and it was our pleasure to be "pounded." When they were through the pile of bundles of groceries was surprising, amounting to about \$30.00 altogether, but it came just in time to answer a prayer and meet an urgent need, so we thanked God and went on still feeling that faith in God for our financial needs is better than to beg for them, which we do not do.

These dear people have shown us many favors for which we shall never forget them.

I have hoped all the while that I might attend the Wimauma camp meeting and the As-

sembly too, but if God does not permit me to do so I shall be contented and praise Him any way, however, I feel now like I shall be there. I desired to have my book of select Bible readings on sale by the Assembly, but other duties so take up my time that I fear I shall not be able to do so. We desire an interest in your earnest prayers. God bless you all.

## AN ELUCIDATION

F. J. LEE

I want to make mention of a few things that I think will be an advantage to some of our people and ministers, especially of Tennessee, as I do not know about other states.

The first is, the ministers' "report blanks" which seem to be a "scarecrow" to some. Now I think the report blanks are very important and necessary. Some didn't like them at first but after we made some explanation concerning them and they began to fill them out, they decided that they didn't want to do without them.

We know from many Scripture references that ministers did make reports to headquarters. You say, "It was a verbal report." Well, if it was, don't we see it is much easier to write and send a report than to lose the time and pay railroad fare to headquarters. Then in order to preserve your report it would be necessary for some one to write it down; then why not you do your own writing and save headquarters that trouble, and have your reports filed in your own handwriting? I think it is fine.

Paul said, "Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."—Rom. 12:11. The Syriac gives it thus: Be active; and not slothful, be fervent in spirit, be laborers for our Lord. Comparing the two versions it means something like this: As you labor for the Lord be active and not slothful, fervent in spirit, your spirit, not the Holy Ghost so much, as you see "spirit" is begun with a small letter, signifying that it is your own spirit or energy that you must be fervent in. And what else? A business like way, not slothful in business while serving the Lord.

We still advocate order and system for the Church of God. You say, "What good are the reports?" First, it would show that all the ministers are pulling harmoniously together. Second, who knows but that the government will require a record of every minister, his spiritual work, also his finance. And they go to headquarters for this; they have already been here inquiring about the ministry. How can headquarters give a correct report of you if you don't report?

You say, "I don't want headquarters to know about my finance." Why, dear brother, that is to your advantage in every way. If you get more money than some one else headquarters will not take it away from you; but it only speaks something for your ability as a preacher; you have heard always, "Poor preach, poor pay." So I consider if a man is able to report a good finance at headquarters, people appreciate his work.

Again, here is a call to headquarters for a man who is having success in revivals. How would headquarters know to recommend you if you don't report?

Another advantage is, when you tear off your report and send it in you have a carbon copy left and at the end of the year you have a book of your whole year's work. I tell you it is fine, and others that try it say so.

There is another advantage: suppose that some one of our ministers is in a certain field where there isn't much money, but it seems that the Lord wants him to stay there, yet the man

needs some money. "Oh, if I just had some money from headquarters I could move right along!" Well it is here for every worthy minister in the evangelistic and mission work when he is in real need; but how will headquarters know if you don't report?

I will confess that I was somewhat afraid of the present financial system. I was afraid some of us overseers would have a hard time if we, with the pastors, had to depend on the nine-tenths for support. I will just say that the most of the churches of Tennessee have shown their appreciation of their overseer and have rallied to his help financially.

One more thing I shall mention. Some of the churches are worrying about the selection of pastors, thinking that they will get a man from headquarters that they will not want. It is not the thought to take this out of the hands of the churches, but the overseers are to help the churches get their pastors and if the elders are needed they can be called, but the selection of the pastor is not final until after the Assembly and the new overseer is appointed. So, no one is to lord it over God's heritage, but as Peter has said, "All of you be in subjection one to another."

We are looking for a great Assembly and we are praying every day that no strife will be there, as Abraham says, "For we are brethren."

## Notice.

O. T. Adams, of Louisville, Ky., is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.

W. S. Gentry, Louisville, Dist. Overseer.

## Live Oak, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to ask you all to pray a special prayer for my husband who is in army service that he may be baptized with the Holy Ghost and be able to overcome the trials and temptations of this world.

Please pray for me that I may have help from above to raise my little children as the Lord would have me to.

We greatly desire that some minister of the Church of God will come here and hold a meeting for us in this neighborhood. We are really hungry to hear the blessed Word preached. If any one feels led to come he can come to Newborn, Fla., and will find us about two miles out. We have an arbor to preach under. There are only two of us in the way at this place and we are anxious that some one come and preach the truth and we should like for them to come while the weather is favorable for an arbor meeting.

Your sister,  
Lucy Hall.

## Lindale, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for victory in my soul. Five years ago the Lord sanctified me and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. The love of God has been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost.

Surely Jesus is coming soon. Let us endure unto the end. We are taught that we are to be tried, after which we shall come forth as gold.

How glad I will be to see all of God's saints when the last battle is fought and the victory won. I expect to meet them.

The Lord has blessed here in a wonderful way. Many miracles of divine healing have been wrought and His ministers have certainly been blessed in giving out the Word. There are many hungry souls here.

Your sister in Christ,  
Tilda Mathis.



## Palestine Liberated From Turkey For The Jews.

The successes last week and this by the English General Allenby in Palestine has virtually rid Palestine of Turkish rule and it is hoped forever. Two Turkish field armies in Palestine have been annihilated. To read the daily reports of the encounters is a strong reminder of reading Bible accounts of the wars of olden times. General Allenby's forces in two days took 25,000 Turkish prisoners and hemmed in 40,000 more Turkish troops, practically wiping out the Turkish army in Palestine.

With Turkey out of Palestine after the war that country should be returned to the Jews by the allies. There have been no more loyal people to the cause of the allies than have been the Jews from the various countries of the world. Their native country should be returned to them as a race of people so that they may have in the broad world some place to call home as a race. During the long centuries since the Jew was dispossessed of his native country by the unspeakable Turk, he has retained his racial characteristics and has always anticipated when his race would again be permitted to return to Palestine. No matter what country he may inhabit, the Jew has retained his individuality of character and blood. No matter what tongue he may be brought up to speak, he has always retained his native tongue.

The Jew has become a citizen of the country in which his lot may have been cast. He has accustomed himself to speak the tongue of the country to which he has allied himself as a citizen. Yet through all the ages the Jew has remained a Jew. There must be strong characteristics of the race that this has been possible. Other races of people come to the United States and within one or two generations have become assimilated with all the other people of this vast country. They have lost their racial individuality and many times their native names. The citizens of this country, no matter of what religious creed they may be, excepting the Jew, have accommodated themselves to the vast admixture of race in this melting pot of the United States, but the Jew remains forever. People of that race are not the ones we find in penitentiaries. They are not of the criminal classes. It is a very rare occasion when a Jew is sentenced to any penal institution.

When the war broke out it was recognized that both sides must consult the Jew as to money for finances because he controls the money power of the world, although he has no country. He is a wanderer upon the face of the earth, and has no place to lay his head, yet owns the whole thing when it comes down to bed rock, so far as money is concerned.

The peoples of the allies could not do a more heroic thing in all the ins and outs of the results of the war than to give back to the Jew his inheritance which they have wrought from his oppressor of the past ages.

This will be done.---Harriman Record.

[Another report from some of the News Papers states that the Jews have already commenced to lay the foundation for their new Temple in Jerusalem.---Ed.]

## Camp Mills, N. Y.

To the Church of God Evangel:

I want to write a few words in praise to my dear Lord.

I was called into army service July 16, and was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. I stayed there until September 18, when I was sent here to Long Island.

I praise God for His wonderful keeping power that has enabled me to go through successfully and be an overcomer. Praise His holy name! My heart has been made to rejoice several

times since I've been in the service.

I am praising Him for the privilege of meeting other good Christian boys. I praise Him, too, for sending a man here to Long Island to preach the good Word to the dear boys that are not saved and to encourage us who have made a start for God. Last night my heart was filled with joy, praise God, when I and all the other Christian boys were given a chance to speak a word for our Savior. How their testimonies did ring. It seemed that Jesus was really smiling upon us. One boy's heart was touched and he made a start for Jesus. He said he had never testified before. He also stated that he had a Christian wife and mother who had been praying and pleading with him to turn and live for Jesus and while the thrilling testimonies from the other boys were being given his heart was touched. Praise the Lord forever!

Now, dear Christian mothers, sisters and brothers, I humbly ask you to write, plead with, and pray earnestly for your loved ones in the army. God is able to save them here.

It may be that I shall never have the privilege of writing to your paper again. I expect to leave for the war zones soon and I humbly request the prayers of every Christian that I may be used in bringing some poor boy to Jesus.

I was saved in Brother John L. Stephens' meeting at West Lake, Fla. I can never thank Brother John enough for letting Jesus lead him to my rescue. Praise the Lord forever! And now if I can only be the cause of some other boy being led to God I shall be glad.

As this is likely my last letter to you, dear saints, I again ask for your earnest prayers that God will take me through this war and bring me safely home again if it be His will and if not that I may meet you in heaven where there will be pleasure and happiness forever.

May God bless and keep all of you until we meet in heaven.

Your brother in Christ,  
Layton Sowell,  
137 F. A. M. D. D.  
Long Island, N. Y.

## Bogue, N. C.

Dear Evangel Readers---Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord this beautiful Sunday morning for the victory I have in my soul over Satan and for the precious Holy Ghost who abides within. Glory to Jesus! I'm so glad I ever learned of this precious way.

For many years I have been in the Methodist Church. For the past two years or more I have gone through a great test in body, but for some reason I feel that the Lord spared me. I lived on medicine most of my time. I didn't live good at any time on the best of it, but I kept praying that the dear Lord would open up a way for me some day that my body might be healed. I lived up to all the light I had, but I felt that there was something greater in store for me.

In July Brother Aaron Smith came and began to preach the Word of God just as it is, in its fullness. I began seeking the blessing and in a short time I received it. Glory to Jesus! I was healed, soul and body, and I shall always praise God for it no matter how the enemy roars.

There are just a few saints here and the enemy is trying with all his might to stop us, but, glory to Jesus, we mean to be ready when He comes to catch away His bride.

I feel more like going all the way than ever before. I know God's promises are true and He said He would never leave nor forsake us. I'm so glad I can live without having to sin every day. Glory to Jesus!

I long to see the time when

sorrows will be no more and we can meet Jesus in the air and go home to the Marriage Supper. I wouldn't give up my experience for anything, for what would it profit me to gain the whole world and lose my soul.

The meeting at this place conducted by Brother Capshaw and Brother Stargel closed September 22. The church was set in order with twelve members.

We had some wonderful meetings. The Lord certainly did bless His people here. The signs are following believers, devils are being cast out, the sick healed, people are speaking in tongues and dancing under the power of the Spirit. Praise the Lord! Twelve have been saved, eight sanctified, and six baptized with the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water.

Praise God for His Son who came into this world to save us from our sins, sanctify us and fill us with the Holy Ghost!

Please pray for us. Oh, may none of us go astray from the fold.

Your sister,  
Mrs. D. W. Smith.

## Camers Rock, Va.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I was saved when I was young. I am now more than fifty years of age. I have been trying to live the best I could as I thought, but my brother, R. M. Sexton, who is sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost came to my home and I heard him preach and explain sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I see this is just what I need so I ask all of the saints to earnestly pray for me that I may receive this wonderful experience.

There are no holiness people here, so please pray earnestly for me, also for my husband that he, too, may receive the experience.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. J. B. Testerman.

## Asheville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for sending Brother E. D. Hopkins to this city to give us more light on the Word of God. I knew about sanctification, because I was sanctified wholly and when the Lord sent Brother Hopkins here I was so full of joy all the time I was just sure I had the Holy Ghost. You see I thought the joy was the evidence of the Holy Ghost. So I thought I had a double portion of the Holy Ghost.

But when the minister began preaching that the only Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance I began to search the Scriptures. By reading Acts 2:4, I found that I had never received the Holy Ghost, so I went down in humility before God and prayed, cried and fasted three days and nights and God gave me the blessed Holy Ghost and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise Jesus!

I want to be constantly filled with the Spirit and ever keep self out of the way. I want my life to measure to Psalm 50:23.

Yours in Christ,  
Dovie Williams.

## Gone To Be With Jesus.

Our dearly beloved Sister Etta McBride departed this life Sept. 16, 1918. She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God at Danville, Va. She trusted the Lord for her body and passed away shouting and talking in tongues.

Left to mourn her loss are, a husband, three children, parents, brothers and sisters and many relatives and friends, but we expect to meet her again.

The body was carried to Grayson Co., Va., to her old home for burial.

A sister in Christ,  
Mary Emerson.

## VICTORY! AN ABIDING STATE.

noon while the sun is hot, at night when the day is done. VICTORY when the meals are late, VICTORY when the train is late, VICTORY when the rain is pouring--can you still say, "Glory?"

Brethren, is not this our heritage? Didn't Paul have this experience even tho in prison cast? Some of us murmur and complain when our plans miscarry, when disappointments come, when we don't seem to fare as well as others, when slighted and unnoticed. Don't pity yourself any more and say you are mistreated; deny self, crucify the old man, let him die, then he can't get "hurt" or have his "toes tramped on." We need to die, then when the life of Christ is ours in its fullness the victory will be ours constantly. O blessed heritage of God's people in this age.

O Church of God, commissioned from heaven's court, lift high the banner of your King. Don't lose the victory, but from battle to battle gain new strength and new victories until the last fortress of the enemy shall be taken by assault, the last foe conquered and thou dost rise to meet thy Bridegroom in glory forever to be arrayed. Amen!

He that overcometh shall inherit all things.

## Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I praise God that I am yet standing as a soldier for Christ. I am living in this old world free from sin. Glory to God! I praise God for victory in my soul.

We had a blessed day Sunday. We had a baptismal service at 2:30 p. m., and two followed Jesus in water baptism and were added to the Church of God. At 8:00 p. m. we had communion service and feet-washing. The Lord wonderfully blessed us.

We have some anxious seekers. Please pray for them.

Yours in Christ,  
C. F. Bright.

## Notice.

To All Who Expect to Attend The General Assembly:

We have learned that there has been considerable trouble at the previous Assemblies caused by people coming in and engaging rooms and beds which had already been engaged by the church here.

We, the Church of God and the good people of Harriman, are preparing to provide free sleeping quarters for as many as possible and we want to make it as comfortable as we possibly can. Furthermore, all the rooms and beds that can be had in the city will be engaged. Of course all will pay their own bills where there are any charges.

We speak only of the sleeping quarters as there will be a restaurant in the basement of the temple run by a party outside the church, where meals and lunches will be served and all the people will bear their own expenses as you will see in another column of the Evangel.

There will be a reception committee to meet the trains and pilot the folks to the Temple and we want every person to come direct to the Assembly building where the entertainment committee will be with a list of all the places of entertainment available, both free and with charges, to assign you to which ever you desire. Some may say, "I want to stay where I stayed last year." That is all right, if it can be arranged you may have your same place, but get in touch with above mentioned committee so there will not be a complication and a lot of unnecessary work and trouble.

Don't forget the arrangements and abide by same.

Ohas. M. Grisam, pastor.

## Hamilton, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for the six weeks meeting that Brother Tant conducted for us. Two were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise the Lord!

We are on our way to heaven and mean to go all the way with Jesus. Praise His name! We desire the prayers of the saints.

Your brother in Christ,  
O. H. Bowling.

## Notice.

A meeting will begin at Melrose, Ga. October 9, D. V., and will continue until the 13, inclusive. On the 12, will be the regular district conference for the Valdosta district which includes Lowndes, Brooks, Echols, Clinch and Thomas counties, also the church at Moniac, Ga. All the clerks and pastors in above district are expected to be there at least on Saturday, the 12.

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Milo Cross,

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